

BELIEVE MADMAN IS FAKE SALESMAN

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alley back of 1337 L street, he said they were of .32-calibre, and were fired from the same weapon.

Miss Gagan was so much improved that she was able to be removed to her home from Emergency Hospital.

Elsie Coleman, colored, eighteen years old, of 2263 Ninth street northwest, told the police that while walking north on Ninth street near Barry Place northwest, last night, she was grabbed by the arm by a white man. Her screams caused the man to run. She described the man as 5 feet 10 inches tall, medium build and wearing a three-quarter length overcoat.

Nearly Captured By Soldier.

Chased to the Fairmont apartments, Fourth street and New York avenue, the man was all but captured by Corp. E. M. Lemke, of the motor transport corps.

Corporal Lemke saw the man enter the apartment house through a window and was preparing to go in after him when the madman suddenly reappeared at the window and wearing a three-quarter length overcoat, looking down the barrel of a .32-calibre revolver.

"What do you want?" the stranger asked Corporal Lemke.

"That's what I want to know: what are you after?" the soldier replied.

"I am the janitor," the stranger said and made a threatening movement with his gun.

"I didn't even stop to say 'good-by,'" Lemke said.

Police Too Late.

In the meantime, Winston Levy, who had seen Lemke chase the man to the madman, had called the police from Precinct No. 2. The corporal met them and they returned to the apartment house, but no trace of the man could be found.

The janitor was questioned. He said he had seen no one except two policemen, who were sitting in the hallway when he awoke and heard considerable noise in doing so.

Thought Him Boarder.

"We thought he was a boarder who had been to Baltimore, and started joking about it, suggesting that he was probably the 'madman of the northwest'."

"Pretty soon, we saw a light from a flashlight moving around in the front room and the madman suddenly threw up a window and leaped out."

"I wanted the boys to go around No. 2 Police Station—it is only two blocks away—and report it, but they insisted on going after the man."

They followed the stranger, learned an apartment house on Fourth street, Winston Levy went to No. 4 Truck House and telephone for the police."

The police today, in searching the rooms, learned that the occupants of the M street room were Master Signal Electrician Eugene B. Powlson and Sergeant Walter E. Olin, of Detachment 1, aircraft production.

They said the first they knew of the affair was when they were awakened at 3 o'clock this morning by flashlights thrown on them by the police. Outside the window, they saw footprints made by the man seen to leap from their window.

So far as they have been able to learn they were not robbed. Their possessions were all found intact this morning.

The house is just two blocks from the home of Mrs. Lucille Kraus, who on Saturday night was shocked and knocked down in her home at 616 M street northwest, by an unidentified white man. It is within two blocks of the Second Precinct Police Station.

Corporal Lemke resides at 39 Quincy Place northwest. He is on duty in Baltimore for the Ordnance Department. In relating his experiences today to The Times he said:

Lemke's Story.

"Levy and I had returned home with the Misses Wagner, and about 11:15 this morning, a man came to my door and asked me to open the door. We were standing on the doorstep of 435 M street."

"He then walked down the street and came back to 423 1/2 M street, where he opened the door and walked in. He acted like a half-drunken man, and we thought he was a boarder who was having a hard time finding his home."

"The girls started joking about him being the madman. Pretty soon we saw a flashlight at work in the front room of the house. Then the man opened the window and jumped out in a big hurry. He made a lot of noise doing so."

Carried a Handbag.

"The man was dressed pretty rough. He had on a checkered cap, gray three-quarter overcoat, and was smooth-faced. He carried a small handbag in his hand."

"Levy and I followed him and he went in the Fairmont apartment house at Fourth and New York avenue. I sent Levy to No. 4 truck house, and I followed him to the corner, to telephone for the police."

"As I started to enter the apartment house, the man came out, pulled a revolver on me. He asked me what I wanted, and I asked him the same question."

"He said he was the janitor, and was looking for the same thing I was."

Had To Let Him Go.

"I was unarmed and all the time he was pointing his revolver at me in a menacing manner. He went back in the apartment house and came out with his handbag still held. He said, 'I can't do anything, but let him get away. He went down Fourth street.'

"The police were there within ten minutes after Levy left me, but the man had disappeared."

"The man appeared to know what he was about and just where he wanted to go. Winston Levy, of 1135 Sixth street northwest, told The Times today:

"Corporal Lemke and I had gone to a party with the Misses Wagner and were taking our departure when our attention was attracted to the man across the street."

Walked on Tip-toe.

"He acted suspiciously, so we moved back to the curb to watch him. He tipped softly on the steps at 430 M street and tried the door. When it would not open, he was quietly went away and stopped near 423 1/2 M street."

"We saw him use his flashlight in the front room. He remained there fully five minutes, appearing to survey the room carefully to determine what was in the room."

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Ain't It a Grand and Glorious Feelin'?

AFTER DEAR MARY THE BEST LITTLE COOK YOU EVER HAD GOES TO WORK IN AN AMMUNITION FACTORY

MARY: DON'T LEAVE ME!

I GO—

OH MARY COME BACK!

—AND THEN THE HOUSE GETS ALL TOSY TURVY AND YOU C-C-CURSH THE LUCH

—AND YOU TRY OUT ANOTHER MAID—SHE'S IMPOSSIBLE!

BLEH! THIS PLACE NO GOOD—I LEAVE

OH-H-H-MARY COME BACK TO ME!

—AND ANOTHER—SIMPLY RIDICULOUS!

GOOD BY

OH-H-H-MARY RETURN

I COME BACK

—AND THEN—AND THEN ONE DAY THE DOOR BELL RINGS—AND THERE STANDS MARY—

OH-H-H-M-H GIRLS—AIN'T IT A GR-R-R-RAND AND GLOR-R-R-IOUS FEELIN'?

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Official Communique From The Peace Conference

PARIS, Jan. 28.—The communique dealing with yesterday's peace sessions read:

"The President of the United States, the prime ministers and foreign ministers of the allied and associated powers, and the Japanese representative met this morning at the Quai d'Orsay from 10:30 o'clock to 12:30 o'clock and defined a program of work and the constitution of new committees for economic and financial questions, as well as questions relating to private and maritime laws."

Afternoon Session.

"The afternoon session continued the exchange of views on the former German colonies in the Pacific and the Far East. The representatives of the dominions and of China were heard. The next meeting will take place tomorrow at 11 o'clock in the morning."

"The representatives of the powers with special interests met this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Quai d'Orsay under the presidency of Mr. Jules Cambon, ambassador and French delegate at the peace conference, to appoint members of the missions in accordance with the decisions of the plenary session of Saturday, January 25."

The following were appointed:

League of Nations.

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Regulation of ports, waterways and roads—Belgium, not yet appointed; China, H. E. Thompson and C. T. Wang, plenipotentiary delegates; Greece, M. Coromilas; Serbia, M. Trumbitch; Uruguay, Carlos Blanco."

TRY EVANGELIST FOR WIFE'S DEATH

SACO, Me., Jan. 28.—In the opera house, with the ceiling a maze of dancing maidens and sportive cherubs and with a judge's bench erected in the footlights, Rev. Henry H. Hall, evangelist, went on trial today, charged with killing his wife, Mrs. Minnie O. Stevens Hall. The woman was found mortally injured on June 11 last at the bottom of a creek just south of Wells depot.

Hall's story that his wife was standing with him on the railroad trestle crossing Little River, fainted and fell headlong into the creek 13 feet below was accepted by a majority of the town people. Later on investigation was started, which finally led to his arrest.

The State alleges that the motive of the crime was the preacher's love for other women.

Daughter to Testify.

Hall's young daughter, Frances, it is understood, will be one of the chief witnesses against her father.

One of the disappointments of the prosecution came today in the news that Dr. Lawrence E. Willard, who attended Mrs. Hall before she died in a hospital here, will not be permitted by the War Department to come here to testify. Dr. Willard is now in the medical reserve corps and is stationed in Texas.

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